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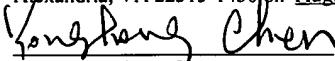
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1. DE 100 54 015 A1 (English abstract provided)

2. LEVCHENKO A A ET AL: "Structure and properties of arc sprayed, steel-molybdenum coatings," Steel in the USSR, 1987, pages 148-150, Vol. 17, No. 3, London, GB (in English)
3. DE 195 49 403 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 6,095,126)
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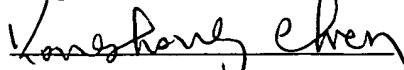
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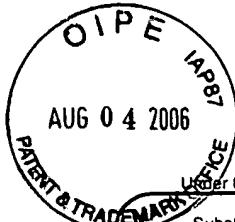
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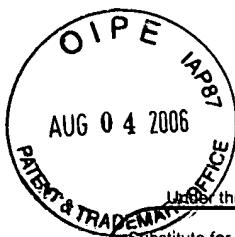
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		DE 100 54 015 A1	05-16-2002	Robert Bosch GmbH	
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